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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the**
2 **individual right to keep and bear arms and to the misuse of arms.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1. Article I, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:**

5 **SECTION 19. RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS. (a) A well-regulated**
6 **militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep**
7 **and bear arms shall not be infringed. Except as provided by (b) of this section, the**
8 **individual right to keep and bear arms shall not be denied or infringed by the**
9 **State or a political subdivision of the State.**

10 *** Sec. 2. Article I, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a**
11 **new subsection to read:**

12 **(b) The legislature may define and punish by law the misuse of arms.**

13 *** Sec. 3. Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new**
14 **section to read:**

15 **SECTION 29. EFFECT OF 1994 AMENDMENT OF SECTION 19 OF**
16 **ARTICLE I. The 1994 amendment of Section 19 of Article I does not affect or**

1 change any law relating to misuse of arms that is in effect on the date of ratification
2 of the 1994 amendment of that section. These laws shall continue in force until they
3 are amended or repealed by law and, while the laws remain in effect, any interpretation
4 of them that was made by a court before the effective date of ratification of the 1994
5 amendment remains in effect until revised by a court.

6 * Sec. 4. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
7 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
8 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.